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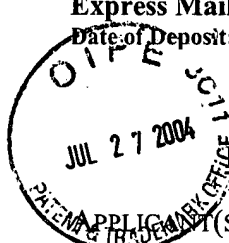
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Request for Continued Examination Under 37 CFR § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE is being filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 27, 2004 in the above-identified application. The additional elements required for the RCE are listed below:

1. Response and Amendment to January 27, 2004 Office Action (9 pgs.);
2. Check No. 19068 in the amount of \$770.00;
3. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.)
4. Check No. 19067 in the amount of \$950.00;
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26597-548. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

The following amendment and remarks are made in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 27, 2004. With a three-month extension, these documents are due on or before July 27, 2004. Applicant submits herewith a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee.

Applicant also submits this paper in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

Thus, Applicant believes no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 26597-548.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.